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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claims 1 to 28 (Canceled).

29. (Withdrawn) A method of releasably attaching a hub to a catheter, wherein the hub comprises two hingedly connected opposing portions, each portion having an inner face, at least one channel to accommodate at least one lumen of a catheter disposed on the inner face of at least one of the two hingedly connected opposing portions, and a means for releasably locking the opposing portions in the closed position; the method comprising:

- (a) placing the at least one lumen of a catheter in the at least one channel of at least one of the two hingedly connected opposing portions;
- (b) folding the other of the two hingedly connected opposing portions over the at least one lumen thereby mating the inner face of one of the two hingedly connected opposing portions with the inner face of the other of the two hingedly connected opposing portions and fitting the two hingedly connecting portions around the at least one lumen; and
- (c) releasably locking the hub in the closed position.

30. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 29, further comprising longitudinally translating the hub along the proximal end regions of the first and second catheters.